



Research Pays Off Series

Safer, Smarter, Sustainable Pavements through Innovative Research



Series Kickoff – Road Research Updated Website

Ben Worel

June 16, 2015

We all have a stake in **A  B**



Introduction to “Research Pays Off” Series

- **Why its needed**
 - Highlight research topics that will make an impact on the work done here in the state of Minnesota and around the country.
 - Get research directly to customers
- **Format**
 - Consistent
 - 3rd Tuesday of each month
 - Quick
 - 30 minute presentation / input from customer
 - Rest online discussion
 - No more than 1 hour
 - Easy
 - Online – anyone can attend



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- **Series Topics**

- Research topics that impact engineers
- Topics selected by customers needs

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- Speaker + Customer Followup
- Seminars can be recorded
- Saved for future use - Road Research Web Page “Research Topics”



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MnROAD Mainline and LVR “Cell Maps”

MnROAD Mainline

Original HMA	Standardized Full Depth Reclamation of Asphalt			Unbonded Concrete Overlay of PCC				Concrete Initiatives		Original Concrete			Whitertopping Bonded Concrete Overlay of Asphalt		
1	2	3	4	505	605	305	405	306	406	7	8	9	160	162	96
6" 58-28 75 blow	1" TBWC 2" 64-34	1" TBWC 2" 64-34	1" 64-34 2" 64-34	5" UBOL Fabric	5" UBOL Fabric	5" UBOL	5" UBOL	6" Long Time	6" Long Time	7.5" Trans Tined	7.5" Trans Tined	7.5" Trans Tined	5" BCOA trans broom	4" BCOA trans broom	6" BCOA trans tined
33" Class 4	6" FDR + EE	6" FDR + EE	8" FDR + EE	7.5" cracked '93 PCC	7.5" '93 PCC	7.5" '93 PCC	7.5" cracked Jts '93 PCC	6" OGAB Sp	6" OGAB Sp	4" PSAB	4" PSAB	4" PSAB	6" 58-28 93HMA	7" 58-28 93HMA	7" 58-28 93HMA
Driving Lane 1.5" 52-34 HMA inlay 2006	6" FDR	2" FDR 2" CI 4	9" FDR + Fly Ash	3" CI 4	3" CI 4	3" CI 4	3" CI 4	7" Class 5	7" Class 5	Clay	Clay	Clay	Clay	Clay	Clay
Micro Surface Aug 2012	26" Class 4	33" Class 3	Clay	*6x7 6x6.5 no dowels	*6x7 6x6.5 no dowels	15x14 15x13 no dowels	15x14 15x13 no dowels	15'x12' 1" dowel	15'x12' 1" dowel	20x14 20x13 1" dowel	15x14 15x13 13' PCC Should 1" dowel	15x14 15x13 13' PCC Should 1" dowel	6x6 Concrete Fibers	6x6 Concrete Fibers	6x5 Polypro Fibers
Clay	Clay	Clay	Clay	*RCC Shlds Clay	*RCC Shlds Clay	Trad Grind	Trad Grind	RCC Shlds	RCC Shlds	2007 Innovative Grind	2007 Traditional Grind	2008 Ultimate Grind			2011 Traditional Grind
Sep 92	Oct 08	Oct 08	Oct 08	Sep 11	Sep 11	Oct 08	Oct 08	Sep 11	Sep 11	Sep 92	Sep 92	Sep 92	Jul 13	Jul 13	Oct 97
462	500	454	500	153	146	133	117	261	292	499	500	500	449	449	177
Gap (ft)	97	60	156	75	0	0	0	0	21	46	29	26	0	0	0

2009 SHRP-II Composite Pavements				Original PCC	Recycled PCC	Whitertopping Bonded Concrete Overlay of Asphalt									
70	71	73	72	12	613	114	214	314	414	514	614	714	814	914	
3" 64-34 Saw/Seal	3" PCC EAC	3" PCC	3" PCC	9.5" trans tined	7.5" long tined	6" BCOA Turf Drag	6" BCOA Turf Drag	6" BCOA Turf Drag	6" BCOA Turf Drag	6" BCOA Turf Drag	6" BCOA Turf Drag	6" BCOA Turf Drag	6" BCOA Turf Drag	6" BCOA Turf Drag	
6" PCC Recycle	6" PCC Recycle	6" PCC Low Cost	6" PCC Low Cost	5" 58-28 93 HMA	5" 58-28 93 HMA	5" 58-28 93 HMA	5" 58-28 93 HMA	5" 58-28 93 HMA	5" 58-28 93 HMA	5" 58-28 93 HMA	5" 58-28 93 HMA	5" 58-28 93 HMA	5" 58-28 93 HMA	5" 58-28 93 HMA	
8" Class 7	8" Class 7	8" Class 7	8" Class 7	2.5" CI 1	5" Class 5	Clay	Clay	Clay	Clay	Clay	Clay	Clay	Clay	Clay	




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MnROAD Low Volume Road Cell 33

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2		General Information										Co
	Cell	Roadway	General Material	Layer #	Lane	Width (feet)	Thickness (mm)	Layer Description	Drainage	Shoulder Type	Layer Start	Layer End
3	1	Mainline	Asphalt	7	Driving	12	38.1	Hot Mix Asphalt Phase I	None	HMA	28-Sep-93	28-Sep-93
4	1	Mainline	Asphalt	6	Driving	12	38.1	Hot Mix Asphalt Phase I	None	HMA	25-Sep-93	28-Sep-93
5	1	Mainline	Asphalt	4	Driving	12	76.2	Hot Mix Asphalt Phase I	None	HMA	24-Sep-93	24-Sep-93
6	1	Mainline	Asphalt	3	Driving	12	6.35	Flexible Microsurfacing	None	HMA	27-Jun-12	28-Sep-93
7	1	Mainline	Gravel	2	Driving	12	838.2	Class 4 Special gradation for MnROAD - Base	None	HMA	17-Jul-93	29-Sep-93
8	1	Mainline	Asphalt	2	Driving	12	38.1	Hot Mix Asphalt - GCBD study	None	HMA	7-Jul-06	7-Jul-06
9	1	Mainline	Clay	1	Driving	12	0	Clay Subgrade R=12	None	HMA	30-Aug-91	8-Sep-91
10	1	Mainline	Asphalt	1	Driving	12	-38.1	Milling	None	HMA	7-Jul-06	7-Jul-06
11	1	Mainline	Asphalt	4	Left Shldr	10	50.8	Hot Mix Asphalt	None	HMA	5-Oct-93	5-Oct-93
12	1	Mainline	Gravel	3	Left Shldr	10	101.6	Class 5 Shouldering Aggregate	None	HMA	1-Oct-93	1-Oct-93
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25	2	Mainline	Asphalt	7	Driving	12	12.7	Microsurfacing - Applied using MiniMac machine	None	HMA	15-Aug-03	15-Aug-03
26	2	Mainline	Asphalt	6	Driving	12	38.1	Hot Mix Asphalt Phase I	None	HMA	28-Sep-93	28-Sep-93
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28	2	Mainline	Asphalt	5	Driving	12	19.05	Ultra Thin Bonded (Novachin)	None	HMA	29-Sep-08	29-Sep-08





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MnROAD test sections are routinely monitored to track the changes in pavement performance over time. Several types of measurements are made continually throughout cell life. Some measurements are made seasonally and others annually. Use the table below to access MnROAD data and the processes used to collect the data.

Current data collection schedule: [Frequency of data collection](#) (PDF).

MnROAD's most recent data release ([data release 1.0](#)) allows researchers to access much of the data online and is also incorporated in the tables below. Due to the volume and complexity, some data (e.g. raw ride quality, pre-2008 FWD time history files, dynamic load data, etc.) is not included in the data release. This data is stored offline and available on request. If you don't see the data you're looking for please [contact us](#).

[Test Section Performance Report](#) - Select a test section and see current pavement performance trends.

Cell Information (Layers, Events, etc.)	Tab includes test section characteristics from subgrade to pavement surface with graphical representations both current and historical. Links are provided to pictures and video of individual cells.
Lab Testing (HMA, PCC, Base)	This tab links to discussions on materials sampling, lab procedures and summary results of quality control testing.
Sensors (Static, Dynamic)	Descriptions of current and historical sensors used at MnROAD as well as links to datasets.
Field Monitoring (Ruts, Ride, Texture, Cracks, Strength, etc.)	Procedures and data for pavement distress, surface characteristics, and other non-destructive testing data.
Weather	Links to MnROAD weather station sensors and data.
Traffic	Traffic sensor descriptions with current and historical data.



Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Summary For Cell 19-1

Cell Number:	19	Cell Description:	Phase I HMA 10 Year Design
Construction Nbr:	1		
Built:	08/03/1993	Reconstructed:	05/01/2008
STA:	121755 - 122255	Oil Grade:	AC-20 / PG 64-22
Sholder Type:	HMA	HMA Design:	Marshall (35 Blow) - 2331
Design Life:	10	Drainage System:	None

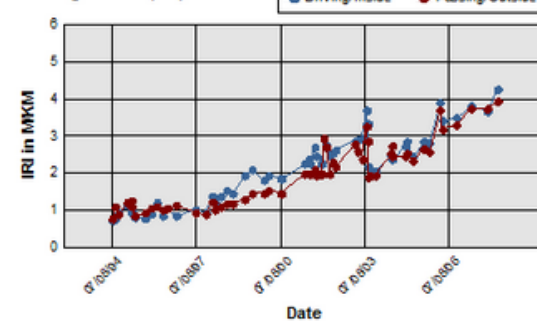
Layer Information

Layer #	Inches	Completed	Material
7	0.50	08/18/03	Microsurfacing - Applied using MiniMac machine
6	1.50	07/29/93	Hot Mix Asphalt Phase I
5	1.50	07/28/93	Hot Mix Asphalt Phase I
4	2.00	07/21/93	Hot Mix Asphalt Phase I
3	3.00	07/20/93	Hot Mix Asphalt Phase I
2	28.00	08/28/93	Class 3 Special gradation for MnROAD - Base
1	0.00	08/02/92	Clay Subgrade R=12

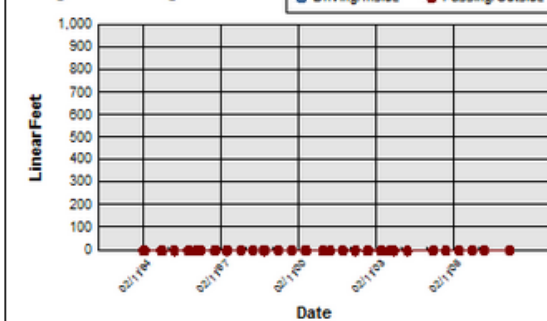
Cell Event History

Date	Activity
07/29/93	Original Construction
08/10/98	Test Pit
04/24/00	Crack Sealing
05/21/03	Crack Sealing

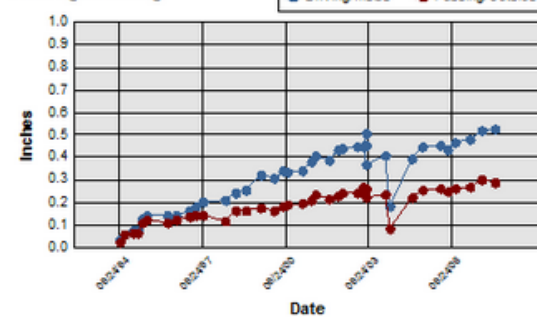
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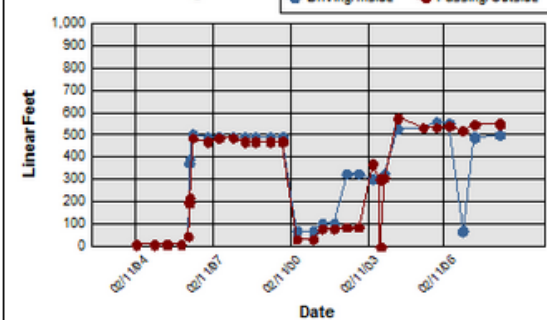
Fatigue Cracking



Average Rutting



Transverse Cracking



MnROAD Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) Summary For Cell 5-1

Cell Number: 5
Construction Nbr: 1
Built: 10/15/1992
Reconstructed: 06/16/2015
STA: 112630 - 113130
Shoulder Type: HMA
Design Life: 5
Concrete Fiber:
Drainage System: None

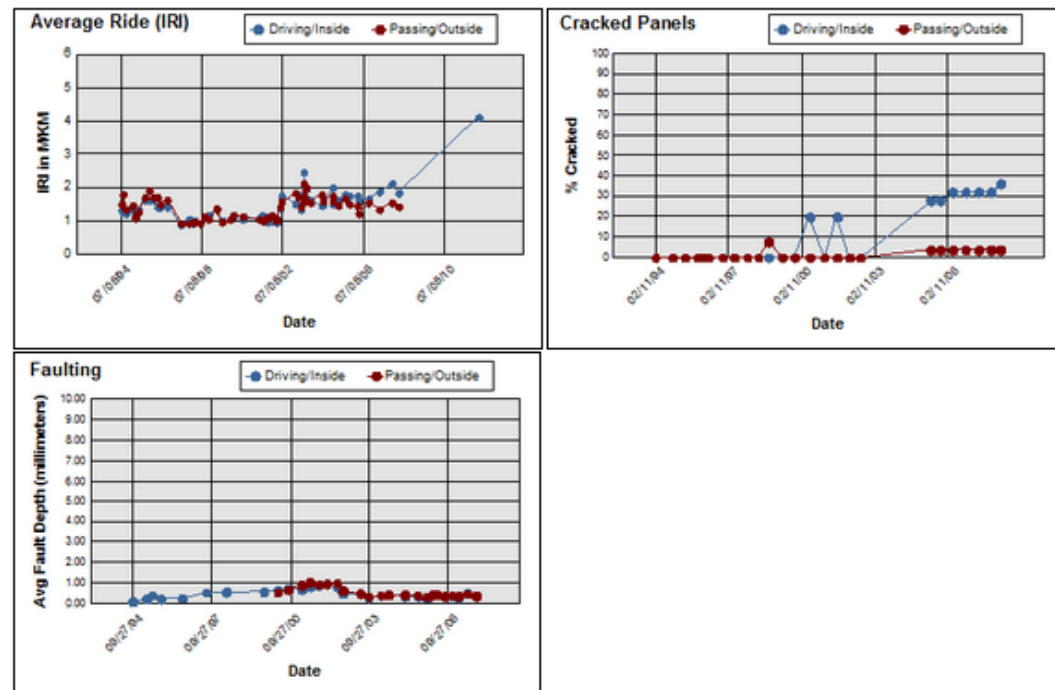
Cell Description: 5 year design PCC - Widened lane - Deep base layer
Surface Texture: Transverse Tine
Panel Length (ft): 20
Panel Width (ft): 13/14
Dowel Size (in): 1
Tie Bars:
Joint Sealant: Silicone
Longitudinal Sealant:
Joint Orientation: Skew

Layer Information

Layer #	Inches	Completed	Material
4	7.10	09/15/92	Portland Cement Concrete - Mnroad Phase 1
3	2.99	08/10/92	Class 4 Special gradation for MnROAD - Base
2	27.01	07/25/92	Class 3 Special gradation for MnROAD - Base
1	0.00	07/07/92	Clay Subgrade R-12

Cell Event History

Date	Activity
09/15/92	Original Construction
06/30/04	Patching
06/20/05	Patching
08/09/06	Patching





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Sensor Lookup Tool

sensor_locations (2).xlsx - Microsoft Excel

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4	1	DT	3	Linear Variable Differential Transducer	1-Aug-93	1-Jul-06	110649	-8.64	3
5	1	DT	4	Linear Variable Differential Transducer	1-Aug-93	1-Jul-06	110651	-10.59	3
6	1	DT	5	Linear Variable Differential Transducer	1-Aug-93	1-Jul-06	110653	-9.57	3
7	1	DT	6	Linear Variable Differential Transducer	1-Aug-93	1-Jul-06	110655	-8.63	3
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12	1	PG	3	Dynamic Normal Pressure Gauge - Geokon 3500	1-Aug-93	18-Nov-09	110637	-10	5.76
13	1	PG	4	Dynamic Normal Pressure Gauge - Geokon 3500	1-Aug-93	18-Nov-09	110637	-9.83	21.24
14	1	PG	5	Dynamic Normal Pressure Gauge - Geokon 3500	1-Aug-93	18-Nov-09	110637	-11.03	5.64
15	1	PG	6	Dynamic Normal Pressure Gauge - Geokon 3500	1-Aug-93	18-Nov-09	110637	-10.86	21.12
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18	1	TC	1	MnROAD Thermal Couple Tree - Omega	1-Aug-93	1-Jul-06	110641	-9.76	1.2
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Environmental Sensors (Static)

The matrix below contains the different sensor type descriptions, installation methods, and some of the data collected. Due to the complexity and amount of the data please contact us for custom data requests. Most of these documents are PDFs.

Sensor Type	Sensor Type Description	Sensors located in the following layers				Data
		HMA	PCC	Base	Subgrade	
Temperature Temp. Measurements TC Tree Construction TC Tree Installation	Thermocouples TC XB	x	x	x	x	Get TC Data
	Thermistors ET TH XD XH XL XM XI XV		x	x	x	Request
Volumetric Water (Moisture) Content Moisture Measurements Moisture Installation	Moisture Gauge EW RE TD			x	x	Request
Relative Humidity Building MH Sensors	Humidity Gauge MH MP MR		x	x		Request
Matric Potential Building WM Trees	Resistance WM		x	x	x	Request
	Heat Dissipation HD			x	x	Request
Stress	Vertical Pressure PI			x	x	Request
	Lateral Pressure					Request



Sensor Documentation

Temperature Sensing at MnROAD

General Description

Temperature sensing at MnROAD is accomplished with either thermocouples or thermistors. Predominately, thermocouples are used. The thermistors used at MnROAD are generally integrated into other instruments (e.g. Decagon ECH₂O-TE and 5TE Water Content Sensors, Geokon 4200A Vibrating Wire Strain Gauge, Geokon 4800 Circular Earth Pressure Cell). The two-letter designations for temperature-sensor data are TC for thermocouples, ET, XV and RT for thermistors. These thermistors are integrated components of other instruments.

Pre-manufactured thermocouples are rarely used. The general approach is to build vertical thermocouple arrays using type T (copper-constantan) thermocouple extension cable.

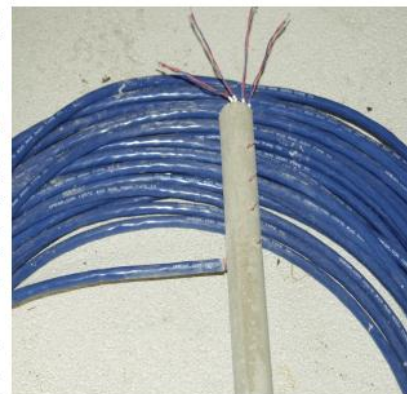


Figure 1: 8-Sensor TC Tree

Thermocouples work for measuring temperature because the joining of two dissimilar metal conductors generates a small voltage, called the Seebeck voltage or thermoelectric effect, which is proportional to the temperature difference between the hot (point of interest) end and a reference junction. Thermocouples are passive sensors. That is, they do not require an excitation voltage to generate a response to environmental change. Type T junctions typically have sensitivity of approximately 43 $\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$. The measurement instrument is created simply by twisting the bare ends of the copper/constantan pairs together and soldering the junction. The reference junction is located within the data logger at the data acquisition point. A precision of $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ has been achieved.

Thermistors are temperature-sensitive resistors. Unlike thermocouples, thermistors do require an external voltage to determine the resistance of the sensor at the time of measurement.



Access to Sensor Data Online

**www.mrr.dot.state.mn.us - /research/dataproduct/Data R
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MnROAD Data

MnROAD test sections are routinely monitored to track the changes in pavement performance over time. Several types of measurements are made continually throughout cell life. Some measurements are made seasonally and others annually. Use the table below to access MnROAD data and the processes used to collect the data.

Current data collection schedule: [Frequency of data collection](#) (PDF).

MnROAD's most recent data release ([data release 1.0](#)) allows researchers to access much of the data online and is also incorporated in the tables below. Due to the volume and complexity, some data (e.g. raw ride quality, pre-2008 FWD time history files, dynamic load data, etc.) is not included in the data release. This data is stored offline and available on request. If you don't see the data you're looking for please [contact us](#).

[Test Section Performance Report](#) - Select a test section and see current pavement performance trends.

Cell Information (Layers, Events, etc.)	Tab includes test section characteristics from subgrade to pavement surface with graphical representations both current and historical. Links are provided to pictures and video of individual cells.
Lab Testing (HMA, PCC, Base)	This tab links to discussions on materials sampling, lab procedures and summary results of quality control testing.
Sensors (Static, Dynamic)	Descriptions of current and historical sensors used at MnROAD as well as links to datasets.
Field Monitoring (Ruts, Ride, Texture, Cracks, Strength, etc.)	Procedures and data for pavement distress, surface characteristics, and other non-destructive testing data.
Weather	Links to MnROAD weather station sensors and data.
Traffic	Traffic sensor descriptions with current and historical data.





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	Nuclear Density		Nuclear	Nuclear	N/A
	Moisture Content		Moisture	Moisture	Moisture
Ride	Pavement Management Van Light weight Profiler	Ride Data	PM LISA	PM LISA	PM LISA
Distress	Distress (Crack) Surveys	PCC Faulting Data Rutting Data Cracked Panels Data HMA Cracking Data	Distress	Distress	Distress
	PCC Joint Faulting		N/A	Faulting	Faulting
	Lane/Shoulder Drop-Off		Drop-off	Drop-off	Drop-off
	Rutting		Rutting	N/A	Rutting
Texture	Sand Patch		Sand	Sand	Sand
	Friction Tester (Locked Wheel)		Friction	Friction	Friction
	Circular Texture Meter		CTM	CTM	CTM
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Monitoring Documentation

MnROAD [Safer, Smarter, Sustainable Pavements through Innovative Research]

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FWD (FALLING WEIGHT DEFLECTOMETER) TESTING GUIDE

General Description

To measure the response of a pavement layer or system to a dynamic load, MnROAD has used a device known as the Falling Weight Deflectometer or "FWD." Measurements with the FWD have been obtained both routinely (on a monthly or seasonal basis), and also for specific load test studies and sensor response verification.

The FWD device consists of a loading plate, weight package, geophone sensors, and data acquisition equipment. Mounted to a trailer, the equipment is designed to simulate the impulse load of a passing wheel. As the weight package is lifted (hydraulically) and dropped (free fall), the plate applies a dynamic load to the pavement; simultaneously geophone sensors (spaced at specific distances from the load plate) capture the resulting deflection basin. The deflection basin can be used to evaluate the structural capacity of the system as well as back-calculate the modulus of the underlying layers.



Equipment

Since 1994, the standard FWD device used at MnROAD is the Dynatest Model 8000. Older versions of the operating control software were written in Microsoft DOS®. In 2008, a switch to Microsoft Windows® based control software was made. Output files are now in Microsoft Access® database file format.

Note that the location of the geophone sensors, relative to the center of the loading plate, has varied. Users need to verify the geophone sensor spacing for each FWD test before analyzing the data. As of May 2009 we have used 10 sensors and they are numbered and located at the following offsets:

Sensor Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Distance (in)	0	8	12	18	24	36	48	60	72	-12





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	Nuclear Density		Nuclear	N/A	
	Moisture Content		Moisture	Moisture	
Ride	Pavement Management Van Light weight Profiler	Ride Data	PM LISA	PM LISA	PM LISA
Distress	Distress (Crack) Surveys	PCC Faulting Data Rutting Data Cracked Panels Data HMA Cracking Data	Distress	Distress	Distress
	PCC Joint Faulting		N/A	Faulting	Faulting
	Lane/Shoulder Drop-Off		Drop-off	Drop-off	Drop-off
	Rutting		Rutting	N/A	Rutting
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Performance Data – Select Cell(s)



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MnROAD Pavement Performance (Ride-IRI) Report

Choose a value for the parameter below and click the View Report button.

If a report allows multiple choices, do so by selecting the first item in the list, then hold the Control (Ctrl) key down and select the remaining choices.

Select a Cell and Construction Number:

CELL 1, CONSTRUCTION 1 (Phase I HMA 5 Year Design)
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CELL 2, CONSTRUCTION 1 (Phase I HMA 5 Year Design)
CELL 2, CONSTRUCTION 2 (SemMaterials FDR Study)
CELL 3, CONSTRUCTION 1 (Phase I HMA 5 Year Design)
CELL 3, CONSTRUCTION 2 (SemMaterials FDR Study)
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CELL 4, CONSTRUCTION 2 (SemMaterials FDR Study)
CELL 5, CONSTRUCTION 1 (5 year design PCC - Widened lane - Deep base layer)
CELL 6, CONSTRUCTION 1 (5 year design PCC - Widened lane - Standard base)
CELL 7, CONSTRUCTION 1 (5 year design PCC - Widened lane - PASB - longer panel)
CELL 8, CONSTRUCTION 1 (5 year design PCC - Widened lane - PASB - Supplemental Steel)
CELL 9, CONSTRUCTION 1 (5 year design PCC - Widened lane - PASB)
CELL 10, CONSTRUCTION 1 (10 year design PCC - PASB - longer panel)
CELL 11, CONSTRUCTION 1 (10 year design PCC - Standard base - long panel)
CELL 12, CONSTRUCTION 1 (10 year design PCC - Drained base)
CELL 13, CONSTRUCTION 1 (10 year design PCC - Standard base - large dowels)
CELL 14, CONSTRUCTION 1 (Phase I HMA 10 Year Design)
CELL 15, CONSTRUCTION 1 (Phase I HMA 10 Year Design)
CELL 15, CONSTRUCTION 2 (Warm Mix Asphalt Overlay)
CELL 16, CONSTRUCTION 1 (Phase I HMA 10 Year Design)
CELL 16, CONSTRUCTION 2 (Recycled Unbound Base Study, Warm Mix Asphalt Surface)
CELL 17, CONSTRUCTION 1 (Phase I HMA 10 Year Design)
CELL 17, CONSTRUCTION 2 (Recycled Unbound Base Study, Warm Mix Asphalt Surface)
CELL 18, CONSTRUCTION 1 (Phase I HMA 10 Year Design)

Select Lane:

☒ Driving/Inside
☐ Passing/Outside

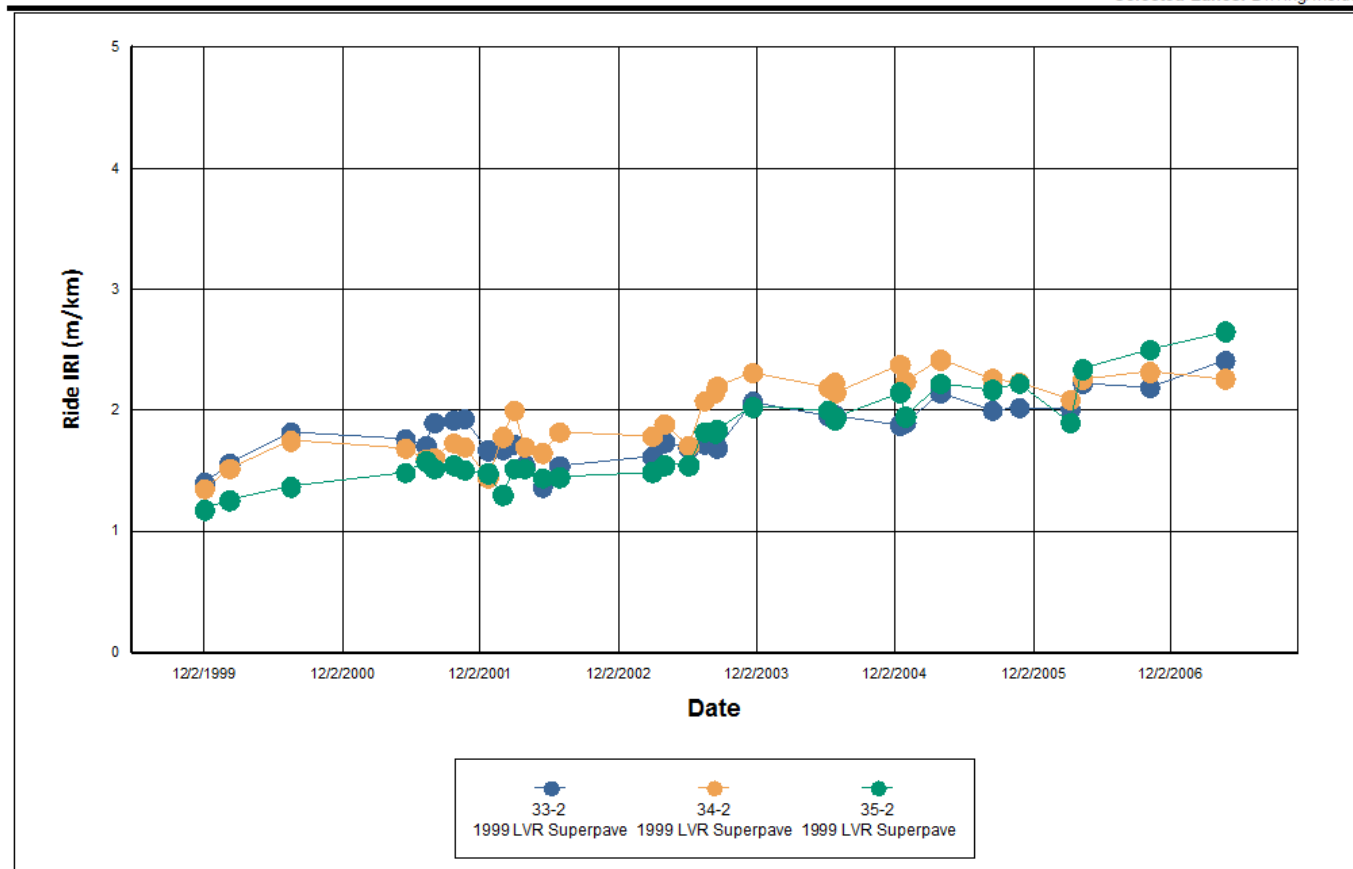
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Performance Data – Ride IRI

MnROAD Pavement Performance (Ride-IRI) Report

Selected Lanes: Driving/Inside



NOTE: This is only a summary of the MnROAD data. Please contact Ben Worel at ben.worel@state.mn.us for a complete set of data for any analysis work.

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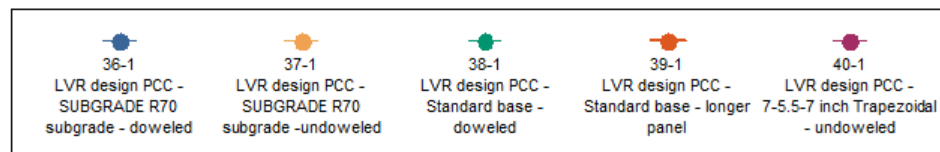
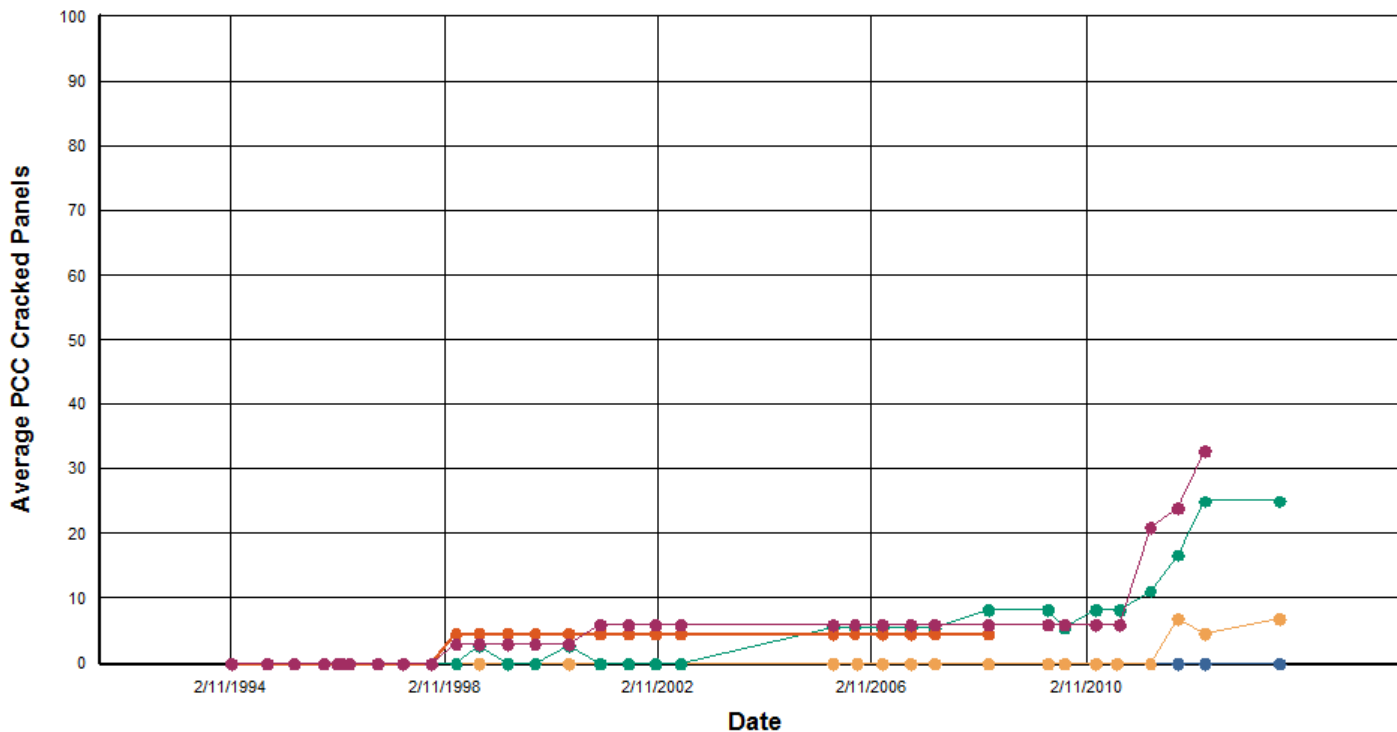
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Performance Data – Cracked Panels

MnROAD Pavement Performance (PCC Cracked Panels) Report

Selected Lanes: Driving/Inside





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Performance Data – Raw Data

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Low Temperature Cracking in Asphalt Pavements

Low temperature cracking is the most prevalent distress found in asphalt pavements built in cold weather climates. As the temperature drops the restrained pavement tries to shrink. The tensile stresses build up to a critical point at which a crack is formed. Thermal cracks can be initiated by a single low temperature event or by multiple warming and cooling cycles and then propagated by further low temperatures or traffic loadings.

The current Superpave specification attempts to address this issue by specifying a limiting low temperature for asphalt binders. However, the first phase of this project made it clear that testing asphalt mixtures is necessary to accurately predict low temperature cracking performance in the field. Furthermore, the testing must include more sophisticated techniques based on fracture mechanics rather than the current practice of stiffness and strength testing.

Current Research Efforts

- [DCT Sample Prep Video](#) (Summer 2014)
- [LTC Implementation](#) (Fall 2014)
- [Minnesota DCT Testing Update](#) (Jan 2015)

Past Research Efforts

- [LTC Pooled Fund Phase-II Project Page](#)
 - [Phase-II Final Report](#) (2012 PDF)
- LTC Pooled Fund Phase-I Project
 - [Phase-I Research Brief](#) (2009 PDF)
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Recent Reports

[Investigation and Assessment of Colored Concrete Pavement](#)

(PDF, 30 MB, 177 pages)

Interim with Appendix - Ally Akkari and Tom Burnham

[2011 MnROAD Mainline Concrete Construction Report](#)

Cells 5,6, and 63 Construction - Alexandra Akkari, Bernard Izevbekhai, and John Siekmeier

[2010 MnROAD Construction Report](#)

Cells 70, 71,72 Construction - Alexandra Akkari and Bernard Izevbekhai

[2011 Concrete Cells Reconstruction, MnROAD, MN](#)

(PDF, 3.4MB, 29 pages)

August 2011 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

[Evaluation of Polyvinyl Alcohol Fiber Reinforced Engineered Cementitious Composite for Thin- Bonded Concrete Overlay](#)

(PDF, 4 MB, 48 pages)

March 2011 - Alexandra Akkari

[Innovative Diamond Grinding on MnROAD cells 7, 8, 9 and 37](#)

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